

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA

The Prince William Sound Area includes all waters of Alaska between the longitude of Cape Fairfield and the longitude of Cape Suckling. These regulations apply on waters within or adjacent to the Chugach National Forest, and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. Bureau of Land Management lands are open to fishing only on non-navigable waters. [See map 12 on preceding page.]

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATIONS		
Area	Species	Determination
<u>South-Western District</u> and Green Island	Salmon	Residents of the South-Western District, which is mainland waters from the outer point on the north shore of Granite Bay to Cape Fairfield, and Knight Island, Chenega Island, Bainbridge Island, Evans Island, Elrington Island, Latouche Island, and adjacent islands.
North of a line from Porcupine Point to Granite Point, and south of a line from Point Lowe to Tongue Point.	Salmon	Residents of the villages of Tatitlek and Ellamar.
<u>Chitina Subdistrict</u> of the Upper Copper River District	Salmon	Residents of Cantwell, Chisina, Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Dot Lake, Gakona, Gakona Junction, Glennallen, Gulkana, Healy Lake, Kenny Lake, Lower Tonsina, McCarthy, Mentasta Lake, Nabesna, Northway, Slana, Tanacross, Tazlina, Tetlin, Tok, Tonsina, and those individuals living along Tok Cutoff from Tok to Mentasta Pass, and along the Nabesna Road.
<u>Glennallen Subdistrict</u> of the Upper Copper River District	Salmon	Residents of the Prince William Sound Area and residents of Cantwell, Chisana, Dot Lake, Healy Lake, Northway, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok, and those individuals living along the Alaska Highway from the Alaskan/Canadian border to Dot Lake, along the Tok Cutoff from Tok to Mentasta Pass, and along the Nabesna Road.
Waters of the Copper River between National Park Service regulatory markers located near the mouth of Tanada Creek, and in Tanada Creek between National Park Service regulatory markers identifying the open waters of the creek.	Salmon	Residents of Dot Lake and Mentasta Lake.
Remainder of the Prince William Sound Area	Salmon	Residents of the Prince William Sound Area.
Copper River drainage upstream from Haley Creek	Freshwater fish including burbot, Dolly Varden, grayling, sucker, and whitefish of various species	Residents of Cantwell, Chisina, Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Dot Lake, Gakona, Gakona Junction, Glennallen, Gulkana, Healy Lake, Kenny Lake, Lower Tonsina, McCarthy, Mentasta Lake, Nabesna, Northway, Slana, Tanacross, Tazlina, Tetlin, Tok, Tonsina, and those individuals living along Tok Cutoff from Tok to Mentasta Pass, and along the Nabesna Road.

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General Provisions:

NO SUBSISTENCE PERMIT REQUIRED.

You may take fish at any time in the Prince William Sound Area, except for salmon and rainbow/steelhead trout, for subsistence purposes without a subsistence fishing permit, unless restricted below or by Special Action.

You may take salmon species only with a subsistence fishing permit as outlined in this section.

If you take rainbow/steelhead trout incidentally in other subsistence net fisheries, you may retain them for subsistence purposes, except when taken by dip net in the Upper Copper River District.

You may not take salmon in the tributaries of the Copper River and waters of the Copper River not in the Upper Copper River District, except as permitted at Batzulnetas.

Please Note.

The Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District will be managed based on the numbers of fish present and other related biological information. State and Federal biologists will jointly evaluate the information. It is anticipated that Federal and State management actions will occur simultaneously. Federal Subsistence users will be notified of these inseason openings and closings via radio, signs at public locations, newspapers, and television.

Regulations:

Upper Copper River District. The Upper Copper River District includes the waters of the Copper River between Haley Creek and the Slana River. You may take salmon in the Upper Copper River District only as outlined below:

- Glennallen and Chitina Subdistricts, from May 15 through September 30. However, in 2002, the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict will likely be later than May 15th. It will open by Special Action and will be announced via a joint news release with ADF&G.
- You may not possess salmon taken with an Upper Copper River District subsistence fishing permit, unless you immediately remove the anal (ventral) fin from the salmon when you harvest the fish (see Fin Identification, page 5).
- You must immediately release rainbow/steelhead trout taken by dip net in the Upper Copper River District and return them unharmed to the water. If you catch rainbow/steelhead trout incidentally while subsistence fishing with fish wheels, you may retain them. Any rainbow/steelhead trout you retain for subsistence purposes must have the anal (ventral) fin removed immediately after catching them (see Fin Identification, page 5).

The total combined annual harvest limits for the Upper Copper River District (Glennallen and Chitina subdistricts) subsistence salmon fishing permits are:

- For a household with one person, 30 salmon, and no more than five of those 30 salmon may be chinook salmon if taken by dip net.
- For a household with two persons, 60 salmon, and no more than five may be chinook salmon if taken by dip net; plus 10 salmon for each additional person in a household

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over two, except that the household's limit for chinook salmon taken by dip net does not increase.

- Additional salmon permits may be requested and will be issued for no more than a total of 200 salmon for a permit issued to a household with one person, of which no more than five may be chinook salmon if taken by dip net; or no more than a total of 500 salmon for a permit issued to a household with two or more persons, of which no more than five may be chinook salmon if taken by dip net.

The following applies to Upper Copper River District subsistence salmon fishing permits:

- Multiple types of gear may be specified on a permit, but only one type of gear may be used at a time.
- Only one permit per subdistrict per year may be issued by the National Park Service to a household. If a household has been issued permits for both the Glennallen and Chitina subdistricts in the same year, both permits must be in possession when fishing or transporting fish in either subdistrict. The harvest limit is for both subdistrict permits in combination.
- You may not loan or transfer a subsistence permit, except as permitted in these regulations.
- A qualified household may also be issued a Batzulnetas salmon fishery permit in the same year.
- You must return your permit no later than October 31 (October 15 for Batzulnetas), or you may be denied a permit for the following year.
- Only one permit holder at a time may operate a fishwheel.
- Only the permit holder and the authorized member of the household listed on the subsistence permit may take salmon.
- A permit holder must record on the appropriate forms all salmon taken immediately after landing the salmon.

You may take fish in the Upper Copper River District by gear listed in this part, unless restricted here or by a subsistence fishing permit.

- You may take salmon only by fishwheels, rod and reel, or dip nets.
- You must personally operate the fishwheel or dip net.
- You may not set or operate a fishwheel within 75 feet of another fishwheel.
- No fishwheel may have more than two baskets.

If you are operating a fishwheel in the Upper Copper River District (whether or not you own the fishwheel):

- You may operate only one fishwheel at a time.
- Each fishwheel must have a wood or metal plate at least 12 inches high by 12 inches wide, bearing the permit holder's name and address in letters and numerals at least 1 inch high. This plate must be attached to each fishwheel so that the name and address are

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plainly visible. This also applies to any other permittees using the fishwheel.

If you are a fishwheel owner:

- You may not rent, lease, or otherwise use your subsistence fishwheel for personal gain.
- You must register your fishwheel with ADF&G or the National Park Service.
- Your registration number and name and address must be permanently affixed and plainly visible on the fishwheel when the fishwheel is in the water.
- Only the current year's registration number may be attached to the fishwheel. Remove any other registration number from the fishwheel.
- You must remove the fishwheel from the water at the end of the permit period.

Additional Provisions – The following additional provisions apply to Upper Copper River District subsistence fishing permits issued to a village council, or other similarly qualified organization, whose members operate fish wheels for subsistence purposes on behalf of members of the village or organization:

- The permit may only be issued following approval by ADF&G or the Federal Subsistence Board of a harvest assessment plan administered by the permitted council or organization.
- The permit must list all households and household members for whom the fishwheel is being operated.
- The allowable harvest may not exceed the combined seasonal limits for the households; the permittee must notify ADF&G, or the Federal Subsistence Board, when households are added to the list, and the seasonal limit may be adjusted accordingly.
- Members of households listed on a permit issued to a village council, or other similarly qualified organization, are not eligible for a separate household subsistence fishing permit for the Upper Copper River District. Full regulations regarding permits issued to qualified organizations are available from the Office of Subsistence Management or Federal land management agencies. (See contact information inside front cover and Agency listings inside the back cover).

Batzulnetas. Residents of Mentasta Village and Dot Lake may take salmon in the vicinity of the former Native village of Batzulnetas, and only with a Batzulnetas subsistence salmon fishing permit available from the National Park Service at Slana under the following conditions:

- Copper River. You may take salmon only in those waters of the Copper River between National Park Service regulatory markers located approximately one-half mile downstream from Tanada Creek upstream to the mouth of Tanada Creek. You may use only fishwheels, dip nets, or rod and reel.
- Tanada Creek. You may take salmon in Tanada Creek from its mouth upstream to a National Park Service marker. If the National Park Service weir is operational, you may not fish in close proximity to the weir as designated by NPS regulatory markers. You may use only dip nets, spears, or rod and reel in Tanada Creek.
- You may take salmon only from May 15 through September 30 or until the season is closed by Special Action.

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- You may retain chinook salmon taken in a fishwheel in the Copper River. You may not take chinook salmon in Tanada Creek.
- You must return the subsistence fishing permit to the Słana National Park Service office no later than October 15.
- There is no harvest limit for Batzulnetas.

Southwestern District and Green Island. You may take salmon for subsistence purposes with no harvest or possession limits in those waters of the Southwestern District and along the northwestern shore of Green Island from the westernmost tip of the island to the northernmost tip, only as follows:

- You may use seines up to 50 fathoms in length and 100 meshes deep with a maximum mesh size of four inches, or gillnets up to 150 fathoms in length, except that you may only take pink salmon in fresh water using dip nets.
- You may take salmon from May 15 until two days before the State commercial opening of the Southwestern District, seven days per week. During the State commercial salmon fishing season, you may only take salmon during open State commercial salmon fishing periods. From two days following the closure of the State commercial salmon season until September 30, you may take salmon seven days per week.
- You may not fish within the waters closed to State commercial salmon fishing.

North from Porcupine Point to Granite Point, and South from Point Lowe to Tongue Point. You may take salmon for subsistence purposes with no harvest or possession limits in those waters north of a line from Porcupine Point to Granite Point, and south of a line from Point Lowe to Tongue Point, only as follows:

- You may use seines up to 50 fathoms in length and 100 meshes deep with a maximum mesh size of four inches, or gillnets up to 150 fathoms in length with a maximum mesh size of 63 inches, except that you may only take pink salmon in fresh water using dip nets.
- You may take salmon from May 15 until two days before the State commercial opening of the Eastern District, seven days per week. During the State commercial salmon fishing season, you may only take salmon during open State commercial salmon fishing periods. From two days following the closure of the State commercial salmon season until October 31, you may take salmon seven days per week.
- You may not fish within waters closed to State commercial salmon fishing.

In locations open to State commercial salmon fishing other than described for the Upper Copper River District, the annual subsistence salmon limit is as follows:

- For a household with one person, 15 salmon;
- For a household with two persons, 30 salmon, and 10 salmon for each additional person in a household;
- No more than five chinook salmon may be taken per permit.